ST. JOHNSBURY CENTER. Miss Mattie Hill spent Sunday with

her mother. Deputy E. H. Hallett and wi'e installed the officers at Green Mountain Hall, Saturday evening. A dainty supper was served and a good time enjoyed.

Hollis Pierce is failing quite fast. Mrs. Mary Robbins has gone to Wilder, where she has a position. Miss Stella Allen, Mrs. Allen and Mr.

Gray, who have been on the sick list, are some better. Mrs. Abel Pierce is belping at Mrs.

Henry Kelley's. Mrs. Ella Kidney is quite ill with crysip-

The following officers were elected at

the Junior Christian Endeavor: Pres. Earl Franklin; vice pres., Floyd Jenness; sec., Hazel Jenness; treas., Lena Hallett chairman of social committee, Dean Hall. E. H. Hallett is attending the Dairymen's Association at Montpelier.

The Christian Endeavor society are planning for a supper and entertainment Jan. 20. Let us all remember the date and patronize the society.

The Ladies' Sewing society will serve an oyster supper from six to eight, Fri day evening. After the supper on entertainment will be given. The supper and entertainment will cost only 20

Mrs. Standish is quite poorly, also Mrs. M. R. Dickenson.

The Ladies' Aid will hold their annual business meeting at the church Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Wheelock Association.

Next week Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the Wheelock Association of 1st Banner Bearer, Mrs. Mabel Moffit. Free Baptist churches will hold meetings with the Free Baptist church of this Gilivray. place, organization of the conference to take place at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The conference sermon will be preached at three o'clock by Rev. John D. Waldron. Tuesday evening will be occupied by the program arranged by the Woman's Missionary Society, including readings, recitations and music. The meeting will be addressed by Rev. E. Newell. Wednesday morning the public Ministers conference will be held at 10 o'clock, when Rev. Mr. Newell will give a paper on "Divorce and Remarriage" and the sermon will be delivered at 11.15 by Rev. L. W. Pease. Wednesday afternoon the topic of the meeting will be 'Present Day Evangelism", and W. H. Lyster will speak on "Its Needs", and Rev. E Newell on "Its Methods". The address of the evening will be delivered by Rev. W. H. Getchell of Lakeport, N. H., on "Larger and Better". The topic of the Thursday morning meeting will be

Church Notes.

by Rev. Joshua M. Frost.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Odd Fellows' block. Sunday morning service at 10.45. Subject, "Truth. Children's Sunday school at 10,45 Wednesday evening meeting at 7.30, The reading room is open every day except Monday, from 2 to 5.

'The Place and Power of the Bible in

Christian Work", Rev. B. P. Parker and

E. W. Cobb to be the speakers. Rev.

Franklin Blake will speak in the after-

noon on "The Place and Power of Prayer

in Christian Work". The final address

to be given Thursday evening will be on

in Christian Work", and will be delivered

The Place and Power of the Holy Spirit

The annual meeting, supper and roll call of the First Baptist church will be held this evening.

Rev. Dr. Edward T. Fairbanks sup plied the North church pulpit Sunday in the absence of the pastor.

Second Sunday after Epiphany, Jan. 15. Mission Sunday. 730 celebration of Holy Communion; 10 30, Morning Prayer and Litany, sermon, "Missions, the Life of the Church"; 12, Missionary Sunday school service. Addresses will be given on the following subjects: Alaska, Mrs. Grace B. Thompson; among the Filipinos," Mes. George Gibbons; 'A Missionary Trip Around the World," Herbert W. Smythe, 5.00. Vespers, sermon. Wednesday, Jan. 11, Evening Prayer with sermon at 730 Beginning with Sunday evening, Jan. 22. the rector will begin a series of addresses (one each month) on some practical subject. The services and subjects treated will be especially adapted to young peo ple. The pews are unappropriated at the evening services. The sobjects with dates are as follows: Jan. 22, "The Home: Its Religious; Its Social Influence on the Young." Feb. 19, "Choosing Compan-ions: Socially, For Life." March 19, "Success: Its Meaning; How Attained."

The Woman's Association of the North church will hold a sewing meeting at Mrs. J. C. Clark's, Summer street, Thursday afternoon at 1.30.

The pastor of Grace Methodist church plans to preach next Sunday morning and conduct an evangelistic service in

Rev. A. F. Walch will preach at both services at the Church of the Messiah next Sunday.

Rev. E. M. Chapman expects to begin a series of tour addresses next Sunday evening, upon "Four Great Evangeliststhe Men and their Messages." These are Wesley, Finney, Moody and Drum-

The pastor of the Free Baptist church will preach next Sunday morning, and conduct the evening service which will be one of praise, preaching and prayer.

Fraternity Elections.

Red Men. At the annual meeting and election of officers of Algorquin Tribe, No 9, Improved Order of Red Men, held in | More Calendars. their hall Thursday evening, the follow-

ing were elected for the ensuing year: Prophet, James H. Grady. Sachem, Byron B. Rishop, S. S. Charles Darling. J. S., C. F. Andrews. 1st Sannap, George C. Frye. 2nd Sannap, O. R Bailey K. of Paith, Thomas J. Berry. C. of W., S. A. Moore. K. of W , H J. B. Anderson. C. of R., J. B. Drummond. G. of F., Alfonso White. G. of W., John Hurd.

Thursday tribes from Lebanon, N. H., Ammonoosuc Tribe of Woodsville and Wawbeck tribe of Hardwick meet with year.

the local lodge for work and a banquet. A good time is expected.

Knights of Phythias:

The annual meeting and election of officers of Apollo Lodge, No. 2, Knights of Pythias, was held in their lodge rooms in Castle Hall last week Tuesday evening and the following were elected for the ensuing year: C. C., W. B. Atwood.

V. C. James Impey. Prelate, Eugene S. Smith. M of W., Harry E. Harden. K. R. S., Henry W. Ellis. M. of F. Frank C. Wright. M. of E., Crawford Ranney. M. at A. A. J. Gale. I. G., William Gill.

Annual Installations.

Olive Branch Rebekah Lodge. Tuesday evening, Jan. 3rd, Mrs. Margaret M. Porter, district deputy president, assisted by Mrs. Isabelle Sargent as grand marshal, installed the following officers of Olive Branch Rebekah Lodge No. 4, L. O. O. F.

N. G., Mrs. Clara Henderson. V. G., Mrs. Mary Swett. R. S., Mrs. May E. Heath. S., Mrs. Abbie J. Dow. Treas., Mrs. Mary Morrill. Warden, Mrs. Isabelle Sargent. Con., Mrs. Gertrude Mnekey, O G , I, J. Dow.

G. Mrs. Edith Somers. Charlain, Mrs. Clara E. Sanborn. R. S. N. G., Miss Mabel Pope. L. S. N. G., Mrs. Effic Beck R. S. V. G., Mrs. Ada Gould, S. V. G., Mrs. Kittie Chappel. R. A. S., Mrs. Viola Ingram. L. A. S., Mrs. Mary Young. Rebekah, Mrs. Mamie McLeod.

2nd Banner Bearer, Mrs. Bertha Mc-3rd Banner Bearer, Mrs. Margaret Beck 4th Banner Bearer, Mrs. Mabel Morris

Pianist, Mrs. Maud Thomas. Past Noble Grand, Mrs Emily A. Miles Just preceding the installation of offiers the secretary, Mrs. W. L. Heath, it behalt of the members of Olive Branch Lodge presented the retiring noble grand Mrs. Emily Miles, a beautiful opal ring Mrs. Miles has been a member of this lodge for nearly 20 years, and has held several different offices, and Mrs. Heath in her remarks testified to the faithful service she had rendered, especially during the past two years, she baying only missed four meetings during that time. Mrs. Miles responded very feelingly, thanking the lodge for their beautifu gift and the kindly teeling thus expressed. Sandwiches, cake and coffee were served and a very pleasant evening enjoyed by

G. A. R. and W. R. C.

An installation of the officers of Chamberlin Post and the Chamberlin Relief Corps occurred at Grand Army hall Thursday evening. The officers of the Post were installed by Comrade Perry

Porter of West Burke. Mrs. Nellie M. Smythe acted as the installing officer of the Corps and performed her duties in a most perfect manner. She is an ideal installing officer, her dignity and grace of bearing adding much to the beauty of the work.

The following are the officers installed: Pres., Mrs. Henrietta L. Gorham. Senior Vice Pres., Mrs. Mary E. Swett. Junior Vice, Mrs. Mary Brooks. Secretary, Mrs Christina Borland. Treasurer, Miss Annie E. Carr. Chaplain, Mrs. Cordelia Caswell. Conductor, Mrs. Mabel Morris. Guard, Mrs. Della Bonette. Assistant Conductor, Mrs. Nellie P.

Bonette. Assistant-Guard, Mes Winitred Morey Patriotic Instructor, Mrs. Nellie

Press Correspondent, Mrs. Mrs. Mary L. Woodbury. Musician, Mrs. Sarah L. Hovey 1st Color Bearer, Mes Cora Hamilton. 2nd Color Bearer, Mrs. Eva Woods. d Color Bearer, Mrs. Mabel Moffett, 4th Color Bearer, Mrs. Nettie Moffett. 1st Delegate, Mrs. Malel Morris. 2nd Delegate, Mrs. Mary Brooks.

The following officers of Chamberlin Post were installed, Comrade John D. Orcutt serving as officer of the day: Commander, A. P. Hawley. Sen Vice Com., W. L. Morris. Jun. Vice Com., J. D. Orcutt. Adjutant, Charles Ross. Quartermaster, Charles H. Woodbury Surgeon, H. C. Newell, M.,D. Chaplain, D. V. Burbank. Officer of the Day, Mathew Robinson, Officer of the Guard, J. W. Page.

Serg't, Major, C. A. Gaskill, L. M. Serg't, Carlton Felch. Refreshments were served, after which Commander Hawley detailed Comrad E. L. Hovey to the chair, and remark historical, humorous and otherwise we made by many of the comrades.

At a regular meeting Saturday evening very fine portrait of Past Dept. Pres dent W. R. C., Mrs. Sarah F. Hove was received by the Post, from Mr Hovey. It is a splendid addition to the already fine collection banging on t walls of the G A. R., hall.

Order of the Eastern Star.

The newly elected officers of this o ganization were installed by Mrs. E. Gage District Deputy Grand Matror Monday evening and there was a lar attendance of members of the Mason order. Mrs. Brock's orchestra furnishe music for the occasion. After the insta lation Worthy Patron Welcome B. Ea man took the chair and informal addre es were given by R. B. Gammell, W. Boynton, Rev. G. C. McDougall, Char A. Calderwood, W. S Dillon and Mrs. E. Gage A collation was served at t conclusion of the speechmaking.

C. H. Clark, the photographer, has issued an attractive calendar containing the pictures of 31 of the babies whose photographs be has taken the past year, Mr. Clark makes a specialty of taking photos of the babies and is eminenty successful.

Carrol S. Page of calf skin fame celebrates his jubilee year by issuing a big calendar containing an excellent portrait of himself with a gold background, These calendars are a work of art that will be useful in any office for the coming

Bank Meetings.

Citizen's Savings Bank and Trust Co. At the annual meeting of the stockholders of this institution yesterday the old board of directors were elected with the exception of J. G. Turnbull of Barton Landing, who declined to serve as he will be actively interested in the new savings bank in his own village. The following directors were chosen: A. L. Bailey, St. Johnsbury; George P. Blair, West Barnet; James Ritchie, St. Johnsbury; D. R. Densmore, West Burke; H. N. Stevens, North Craftsbury; D. R. Densmore, West Horace W. Bailey, Newbury; F. W. Silsby, Lyndonville. The directors organized by electing the

ame officers as last year as follows: President, A. L. Bailey. Vice President, George P. Blair. Treasurer, John T. Ritchie. Asst. Treasurer, Gilbert E. Woods. Bookkeepers, Harry M. Nelson, Wilbur Farr, Roy N. Howard.

First National. At the annual meeting of this institution yesterday the following directors were elected: A. H. McLeod, Charles H. Stevens, Walter P. Smith, John C. Clark, Henry C. Ide, Frank H. Brooks, W. A. Ricker. The only change is the election of Representative Ricker, one of our leading young business men, in place of Samuel N. Brown of Boston. The directors organized by electing the

old board of officers as follows: President, A. H. McLeod. Vice President, C. H Stevens. Cashier, Homer E. Smith. Teller, Herbert A. Hawley. Bookkeeper, John F. Puffer, Clerk, Clarence A. Forrest.

Merchants National. At the annual meeting of this institution yesterday the board of directors was increased to eight and L. K. Quimby of Lyndon, who recently resigned, was e-elected a director.

The following directors were chosen: Elmore T. Ide, L. K. Quimby, Harry Blodgett, Truman R. Sules, Alexander Cochran, Edmund M. Taft, George H. Cross, W. I. Powers. The directors organized by electing

these officers: President, Elmore T. Ide. Cashier, Charles W. Ruiter. Teller, Edward C. Chandler. Bookkeeper, Everett B. Chase. Clerk, Frank Philbert. These are the same board of officers as served the past year.

Caledonia National.

The only change in the board of directors at this institution at Danville was the election of W. A. Ricker of St. ohnsbury as director in place of H. S. Colman of Greensboro, who resigned on account of ill health. These officers were elected: Peter Wesson, president; F. B. Stocker, vice-pres.; A. Wesson, cashier.

National Bank of Newbury.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of this institution at their banking rooms in Wells River the following directors were chosen:

F. Deming, John Bailey, Wells River; Alex. Cochran, Groton; E Bertram Pike, Pike, N. H.; F. E. Kimball, Newbury. The only change in the board is the election of Mr. Kimball in place of Col. Erastus Baldwin who is in very feeble health. The new board organized by lecting the same officers as last year:

President, F. Deming. Vice President, Alex. Cochran.

Cashier, Nelson Bailey. The stockholders voted to continue the bank's charter for another 20 years and to change the name of the institution to the National Bank of Newbury at Wells River.

Wells River Savings Bank.

The annual meeting of the incorporachosen: John Bailey, E. W. Smith, Wells River; J. R. Darling, George Cochran, Ryegate; D. S. Fulton, F. E. Kimball, Newbury; George F. Winch, McIndoes Falls. Mr. Winch is the only new member on the board, succeeding Ora Bishop of McIndoes.

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Great Yarmouth, England, has the narrowest street in the world. There are many narrow streets in Great Yarmouth, but the narrowest is Kitty Witches, which is only 55 inches wide, You can lean out of your window and shake hands with your neighbor across the street.

VERMONT NEWS. Badstreet's Vermont Weekly Trade

Report. Reports to Bradstreet's for week show little quietness in general trade owing to inventory taking among many of the manufacturing plants and retail merchants. Weather conditions have retarded business to a considerable extent. The warm weather with some rain during the early part of the week in sections assisted materially and some plants which have been closed by reason of

shortage of water supply have resumed. At Burlington the cotton mills are running but few new orders are received; grocery trade is quiet as is usual, with collections about fair. Some trouble has been experienced by traveling public by reason of severe storms in northern and southern parts of the state. 'Rutland reports good business in all lines. Scale works have large force, lumber industries are planning for a large business; while retail trade has been quiet owing to weather conditions, the on look is good and a better tone in collections is reported.

St. Albans industries are well employed and retail merchants have had fair week's | Miss Mischief. 1 simply had to give trade; collections quiet. St. Johnsbury business men have been busy, while manufacturing industries are active with collections fair. At Montpelier and Barre the granite manufacturing plants which have been idle during the bolidays, resumed during the week and comment tavorably regarding the outlook tor spring business. Retail merchants have been making preparations for an increase in business and report collections improv ing. Bellows Falls manufacturing plants have plenty of orders on hand and to some extent have been able to run longer hours as the water supply in the river has improved owing to little rain and warmer weather. Retail trade is fair with collections quiet. Brattleboro manufacturing plants are liberally supplied with orders, the threatened labor trouble at overall factory was settled without a strike. Retail trade has been good with collections gaining. Bennington reports fair business at the mills, normal dition with retail merchants and collections tair. Springfield reports all manufacturing plants well employed, retail trade has been good. Richford plants are well employed, work is to be commenced soon in rebuilding hotel recently destroyed by fire. Retail merchants report trade fair with some improvement

in collections. Mrs. Rogers Will Be Hanged.

Gov. Beil has announced to the press that he should do nothing to prevent the execution of Mrs. Rogers on Feb. 3. He said: I see no reason why the laws of Vermont should not take their course. 1 have been importuned by some to interfere and by others not to. I consider the whole matter was thoroughly threshed out in the Legislature. If there had been any question on the vote it would be another matter. but there was no such question. No matter what may be my personal views on capital punishment. I do not consider that I have any right to interfere with the laws of the State. I was elected by the people to enforce and not set aside the laws of the commonwealth.

Mrs. J. Gregory Smith, widow of Vermont's distinguished war governor and railroad president, died at her home in St. Albans, Friday. She was a highly esteemed woman and was the author of numerous essays, poems, and miscellaneous writings, and of four novels. She was widely known throughout New England by her appearance at various social gatherings, which she often addressed.

The Spirit of Winter.

The Spirit of Winter is with us, making its presence known in many different ways-sometimes by cheery sunshine and glistening snows, and sometimes by driving winds and blinding storms. many people it seems to take a delight n making bad things worse, for rheumators of this institution was held yester. itism twists harder, twinges sharper, day afternoon and the following trustees catarrh becomes more annoying, and the many symptoms of scrotula are developed and aggravated. There is not much poetry in this, but there is truth, and it is a wonder that more people don't get rid of these ailments. medicine that cures them-Hood's Sarsaparilla-is easily obtained and there is abundant proof that its cures are radical and permanent.

Banking by Mail.

Persons who have money to deposit in savings banks and who wish to have their money kept in Vermont to foster Vermont enterprises and build up Vermont industries may send funds to the Lamoille County Savings Bank and Trust Co., Hyde Park, Vt., feeling fully assured that every dollar will be loaned fu Vermont. Depositors can remit funds at bank's risk if sent by check or postal money order. Address either the treasurer, C. A. Knight, or the president, C. S. Pege, Hyde Park, Vt.

The Hyde Park Bank holds the record of having never owned a poor note since its organization in January, 1889; a fact which is easily accounted for when it is considered that the loans are all in Vermont and the security therefor where it can easily be examined by bank's officials. Absolutely safety rather than the high rate of interest that can be secured on western loans is the first prerequisite demanded by the Hyde Park Bank in making loans.

Nothing to Brag Of. Bluff-I'd have you know, sir, that I'm a self made man. Gruff-Well, I'm sorry for you, but keep it dark and

don't think too much about it, and perhaps you'll get along all right. Sorry He Spoke. Husband (during the quarrel)-1 wouldn't be a fool if I were you. Wife

stand that if you were me you wouldn't A Hint For Health. Physicians say that those who sleep with their mouths closed have the best health. If you awake in the night and

it.-Kansas City Journal. Among all forms of mistakes proph ecy is the most gratuitous.-Eliot.

find your mouth open get up and close

Found and Lost. Lady-Oh, that big dog isn't the one I advertised for. My dog was a little fox terrier. Boy-Yes'm. Your dog's inside o' dis onel-Puck.

MIND OF MAID

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"My, but she is ugly!" Mrs. Evans said, her accent distinctly one of relief. Bronson smiled covertly as he answered: "Don't be too sure of that She has eyes."

"Eyes! Bah!" The ejaculation was almost a snort. Estelle heard it, although there was the breadth of the room between her and the frate matron. She looked plaintively across at Bronson, who answered her look with the faintest humorous nod. Then he strolled over to her and said in her ear; "It's too ensy-quite too easy, that good soul a hint of warning."

"Traitor!" Estelle retorted, pretending to hiss the word high tragedy fashion, yet ending with a dimpling laugh. The laugh went far to redeem her face-so far that it set more than one beholder speculating that old Major Gilbert's stranger 'granddaughter would not really be so bad looking if she knew how to wear her clothes and do her heavy hair, this despite her wretched complexion, for she had a beautiful straight nose and good teeth, to say nothing of her handsome eyes. Her neck must be bad, else why was she swathed up to the ears? Her sleeves also quite swallowed her gloved hands, but her feet were as much in evidence as they well could be, incased in boots at least three sizes large.

With everybody else in party bibs and tuckers, such garmenting made her conspicuous, all the more that the gown she wore was grass green, with a bright pink stock and much dead white braiding. Spangles and beads also lurked amid the braid, so many that there was a color of reason for Estelle's whisper as she looked down at herself.

"Do you know, I feel like the court of King Solomon at the puppet show." This made Bronson frown, "You'll give yourself away," he said severely. "For heaven's sake don't spoil sport just when it's getting so much better than a play."

"I won't," said Estelle contritely; then in a nervous aside: "When does Adonis come in? Do hurry him along! I shan't be easy until he comes. Suppose, after all, he should be color blind -able to see only gold and greenbacks and old yellow title deeds?"

"Suppose nothing so tragic, I told you in the beginning be was artistic or nothing," Bronson retorted, "Art is, indeed, his weak suit. Otherwise would be be in bonds to Miss Adela Evans?"

"She is so pretty," Estelle said fervently.

Bronson growled: "Yes; regular china baby beauty-blue eyes, pink and white complexion and hair always in the latest mode. Out in the lobby now, lying in wait for-Adonis. They'll be coming in together, the prettiest pair of puppets you ever saw."

"I hope he isn't too good looking," Estelle murmured reflectively. Bronson scowled.

"You'll find him disgustingly so. In deed, I've been half afraid all along that when you saw him you'd be sor-

"Indeed I shan't," Estelle interrupted eagerly. "How can I be sorry for anything that sets me free from that odious bond?"

Bronson did not answer. A stir about the door drew all eyes. Adonis, otherwise George Gilbert, Estelle's cousin, cobeir and fiance, entered with Adela Evans clinging ostentationsly to bis arm. She had such a habit of clinging there that the sports of Grasshope had been ready to give odds this last half year that she would ere this have written herself Mrs. George Gilbert but for Grandfather Gilbert's absurd will This instrument decreed flatly whichever of his two descendants refused to marry the other thereby forfeited all claim to the big Gilbert fortune.

The boy and girl had been brought up half a continent apart. Estelle had come to Grasshope for the first time less than a week before. But tales of her had been rife there the last three years, how willful she was, also how sharp of speech and of temper. As to her looks there had been several opinions. Reed Bronson might have spoken authoritatively, but he chose to be silent. He had met Estelle two summers running at the seashore, and with each meeting he became more indifferent to Grasshope belles and their charms. He had known, first of all. that Estelle was coming to visit her mother's cousins, the Warrens. Mrs. Evans thought her bold for it. She did not need to marry George before she was twenty-two and might therefore well have left it to him to do the seek-

What George thought about it nobody knew. He smiled down at Adela as they crossed to Estelle. When he got a good look at her his smile became for a breath's space quizzical, (calmly)-My dear, I can readily underbut it was kind and wholly cordial as he took both her hands, saying, "I know you all right, young lady-if you would never let me have your pic-

> "Somebody's been telling," Estelle said solemnly, although her eyes danced. They had never rested upon a finer fellow than George. He had all the Gilbert look she so worshiped in her father's portrait. Covertly she glanced from him to Bronson. Bronson was big and honest looking and had withal an air of breeding, but still was not to be named beside her unwelcome betrothed. No doubt he had more brains, although as time passed she was forced

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to admit George eartied things off very well indeed. And after supper, when the dancing began, Bronson, the luckless, went into complete eclipse. He hated dancing, as well he might, seeing that he danced so badly. George Gilbert, contrariwise, might have been wing footed, so lightly did he move in such perfect time and tune. Music, indeed, was in the Gilbert blood. Estelle danced, if anything, better. When they waltzed together other couples stopped to see. Indeed they kept on and on and on until they had the whole crowd staring as alone they whirled and wheeled over the waxed floor of the

"Stop, Estelle!" Bronson implored in a loud whisper as the couple whirled past him. George smiled broadly. Estelle, dismayed, put a hand up to her face. As she took it away two pimples and half a dozen freckles came with it. George saw them and quickly guided

her out of the light. "Go wash your face!" he commanded imperatively. "And the next time you want to go masquerading let me help you make up. I know heaps of better disfigurement. Besides, grease paint is fearfully unreliable when one loves dancing as we do."

"I forgot-I ought not to have danced," Estelle said contritely; then with a swift change of mood, "But you wouldn't have known if I had been a little wiser."

"Indeed I would. I went 500 miles last summer just to see you," George minute I looked at you tonight. You wanted to disgust me, to make me say 'No' to me this minute if you like and get back more than all the money you lose by saying it tomorrow"-

"I see. You want to invest in Dresden china," Estelle Interrupted audaclously. "So of course I don't want to say it-not now, at least."

"That must be quite as you please," George said, smiling over her head. 'You will have to go straight home," in the face of everybody."

"I know it," Estelle said sorrowfulall the trumps in Adela's hands'-

"Not quite. You forget I shall make keep me waiting either. I'm all impatience to see your real self."

through the next six weeks. The first came when George Gilbert broke the prearranged engagement, the next Longman's Magazine, when it was seen that he was disputing with Reed Bronson for first place in his cousin's regard, and the third and greatest was to find the strange Gilbert girl truly a beauty, with no end of fine feathers and a most enchanting way of wearing them. Adela Evans looked faded and insignificant beside her, although away from her she was easily the prettiest girl in town. But Adela was spiritless these days. She no longer had hopes of catching George. He was eagerly, desperately, in earnest about Estelle, although she had given him back, as in duty bound, rather more than half the money. Reed Bronson was no less earnest, so between them they kept public interest at fever heat.

Estelle was nobly impartial. At first she had thought herself really in love with Bronson, That was what had impelled her to the masquerading. But somehow George's grave, hurt face had made her very much ashamed. although she would have died rather than admit love at first sight. Then his freeing her and settling down to court her anew appealed to something in her of like fiber. Altogether she was hard put to it to decide.

The strain of it all bore hardest on Bronson. His temper, never sweet | penl. became abrupt and uncertain. He was barely civil to other women. George, contrariwise, continued to be a but terfly among the social flowers.

Upon one of those spring days that seem made for love the three rode together through blossomy lanes. Bronson rode but clumsily, so when presently his mount bolted it was all he could do to keep his seat. George, a horseman born, was after the runaway in a minute, caught him and checked him so sharply that the mad creature reared, kicked savagely and at last fell backward, taking the other horse with it in a struggling, plunging heap." That anybody came out of it alive was little short of a miracle, But there was nothing worse for either than a broken arm. As Bronson stood ruefully nursing it he said, looking straight in Estelle's eyes: "You needn't take the trouble to tell me anything. I saw your face as we were going down. You found out whom you loved just then-George."

"Yes, George," Estelle said, flushing like a rose.

Women Healthier Than Men. Since more boys than girls are born in the countries of western Europe, the proportion being 1,040 to 1,060 boys to every 1,000 girls, how can we account for the fact that there are more women than men in these countries? To this question M. de Varigny, a French scientist, replies at length in a leading Paris paper. "Since there are more women, although more men are born," he says, "we must conclude that more men die than women because they are not as healthy. There is no other solution, and, moreover, all the obtainable facts point in the same direction. More boys are born than girls, yet there are almost always more girls alive than boys. Many persons think that the principal reason why more men die than women is because they lead intemperate lives; but, though there may be some truth in this, it cannot be the sole solution of the problem, as the mortality among males is greatest during their early years, before they know what vice or intemper-

Savages First to Wear Mustaches. In Greece and Rome no mustaches were worn without beards, but in the conquering days of the Roman empire several half civilized races who had come partially under the influence of the Romans and who wished to be rid of the name of barbari, or weavers of beards, attempted to shave in imitation of their conquerors, but as they had half whispered. "So I understood the very imperfect implements for the purpose and as the upper lip is notoriously the hardest part of the face to shave lose a wife and a fortune. I don't in the case of any one poorly skilled blame you. Women have to fight in- in the art they were unable to make a justice with their own weapons. Still | clean job of it and left a quantity of I wish you hadn't done it. You can hair on the upper lip. This mark was characteristic of several nations on the confines of Roman civilization, of the Gauls in particular, of the Dacians and some others. The Latin language has no word for mustache.

ance means."

The Distance to the Sun.

If the water in the Atlantic ocean were made to fill a circular pipe reaching from the earth to the sun, a dishe added masterfully. "Changing lov- tance of 93,000,000 miles, the diameter ers would be nothing beside the scan-dal of changing countenances this way rather, over a mile, while a pipe of similar length to contain the Pacific would be over one and three-quarter ly. "Fate is playing me tricks-putting | miles across. Yet the distance to the sun is so great that if a child were born with an arm long enough to reach your excuses and take you and Mrs. to the sun it would not live long Warren home," George said. "Don't enough to know that it had touched it, for sensation passes along our nerves at the rate of 100 feet a second, and to travel from the sun to the earth at Grasshope had no end of sensations | that rate would take one and a half centuries, and such an abnormal infant is an unlikely centenarian .-

> How Trousers Came to Be Popular. Trousers came into use for general wear with the French revolution. The gentlemen, the supporters of royalty and sound constitutional principles, wore breeches. The "sans culottes," who denounced every one who wore breeches, finally went beyond their opponents and wore twice as much cloth around their legs-in a word, adopted the modern trousers and made them the badge of a party. Napoleon, who was too thin at one period of his life and too stout at another to look his best in small clothes, nevertheless wore them on state occasions after he had been crowned emperor. His army was the first that wore trousers, and they kept progress step by step with the

> march of the French legions. The French trousers were seen in Egypt, in Spain, in Italy, in Germany, in Poland and in Russia, and with them the neat gaiter. People thought that the manner in which a great conquering nation clad its legs was the correct model, and when the trousers wearers marched over the wearers of pigtalls and knee breeches at Jena and Auerstadt a decision was given from which the world did not care to ap-

> > The Defiant Tomato.

"It has happened to me several times in my life," says Thomas E. Watson in Bethany, "to be arrested, convicted and sentenced to dine with other well dressed convicts, male and female, at a swell dinner-one of those formal functions where solemn flunkies bring you one thing only to eat at a time. When you have pecked awhile at that one thing, whatever it may be, solemn flunkles take it away and bring you another plate and some other thing to peck at awhile.

"Sometimes it happens that this one thing is a big, defiant looking tomato. To sit in one's chair, gazing at the last course which the flunky has just put on; to realize that this entire course consists of a solitary tomato. looking fiercely red and raw; to glance along the table and to realize that all the convicts, male and female, have one tomato aplece and are trying to look cheerfully at the convict bossthe host-has overwhelmed me every time it got the chance. The scene is heartrending."